



Senators, other VIP's confirm attendance to Leyte Palaro

TACLOBAN CITY - At least five senators have confirmed attendance to the weeklong Palarong Pambansa to start on April 27, including governors of various provinces and congressional representatives from different districts all over the Philippines.

This was revealed by Leyte Vice-Governor Mimietta Bagulaya who heads the Palaro committee on VIP invitations during the recent meeting held by the Palaro overall committee at the Governor's Hall. Topping the list of course, the vice-governor said, is the presence of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo herself who will grace the ceremonial opening set in the morning of April 28.

Vice-Gov. Bagulaya said among the senators who already confirmed attendance and set in their flight details are Senators Mar Roxas, Ed Angara, Panfilo Lacson and Loren Legarda while Senator Manny Villar have already confirmed attendance but has not elaborated on his flight details.

Governors from Abra, Tarlac, Iloilo and South Cotabato have also confirmed attendance to the event while Muntinlupa Congressman Ruffy Biazon and Marikina Representative Del De Guzman have signified their presence to the Palaro.

These to include governors, representatives and leaders from all over the Eastern Visayas region.

According to Vice-Gov. Bagulaya, all the VIPs who have given their nod to attend would not be all together in one event but would be coming at different dates during the weeklong activities to witness the various sporting events and grace other presentations the Palaro organizers have set up.

Various cabinet members are also expected to join the President during the Grand Ceremonial Opening of the Palaro 2009.

In the same recently-held meeting, Leyte Gov. Carlos Jericho Petilla assures all is set for the Palarong Pambansa 2009, primary of which is the general venue of the event which is the Leyte Sports Development Center.

Thousands of delegates that include athletes, coaches, officials and guests have started to troop to Leyte in batches even before the start of the Holy Week.

The various delegations are billeted in different schools in the city of Tacloban as well as in Palo, Tanauan and Dulag.

Vehicles have been made ready for the transportation of the delegates courtesy of Calbayog City Mayor Mel Senen Sarmiento who made available four buses while Biliran Congressman Glenn Chong lent eight more buses to ferry the athletes from the billeting areas to the venue.

The Leyte Police Provincial Office headed by Supt. Doroteo Palconit have also presented their mapped out plan for routes and parking areas of utilized vehicles by the delegations to avoid traffic problem.

The Leyte Palaro Pambansa 2009 is expected to host at least 10,000 athletes, coaches and chaperones and thousands other visitors, tourists and spectators. ***(Provincial Media Relations Center)***

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